## TWENTY REDS SEIZED IN PLOT TO WRECK TRAIN AND KILL PASSENGERS

THE WEATHER:

Clearing and slightly cooler tonight. Tuesday fair, moderate north and northwest winds. Temperature at 8 o'clock, 67 degrees.

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THREE CENTS EVERYWHERE

# BRITISH SHUT OFF INFORMATION ABOUT M'SWINEY

# PLAN TO KILL

U. S. Agents Frustrate Many Deaths by Round-up of Communist Terrorists.

FIVE CONFESSED

Bogus Money Plant, Firearms, and \$10,000 in Loot Discovered.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 6.-Twenty men seized by Department of Justice agents are in jail here today, and officials declare their arrest frustrated a plot to wreck the Diamond Special train of the Illinois Central Railroad, murder the passengers, and rob the mail car. Five of the men are said to have confessed, revealing details of the plot.

TRACE PLOT TO CHICAGO. As a result of the confessions they claim to have obtained, Department of Justice agents today are seeking others believed to be involved. All of the men under arrest, it is declared. are members of the Communis Party, and the authorities claim that the plot will be traced to Chicago

headquarters of the party. Obtaining of money for the "cause" and the striking of terror into the hearts of the "capitalists" are motives for the plot, said to have been given by those who confessed.

The plan, government officials albeen wrecked, and finally destruc-

tion of the train by fire.

During the raids a complete counterfeiting outfit for making dollars five pounds of 70 per cent dynamite, ployes convened here this morning seven automatic pistols, and six auto- in the Planters Hotel. natic machine gun rifles were cap

confessed are Joe Cznatt, Peter Ma- individually. John Knoa, Steve Tusik and

### **WILSONS GIVE RUSS** CHILDREN GREETING

President and Wife Send Note To Siberian Refugees Through Red Cross.

President and Mrs. Wilson have tion. sent a personal greeting to the 782 Russian children rescued in Siberia Bureau of Efficiency, was the object brought to this country for transportation to France, thence to their his alleged attempt to block retire-

The message of the President and Mrs. Wilson was addressed to James denounced as enemies to the proposed Rule, national director of the Jun- reclassification of the civil service. for Red Cross, and follows:

son and me your letter to him of Au- 200 locals are represented. gust 24, and I write to beg that you will convey to the colony of Petro- activity in the framing of legislative grad children which has been under plans for next year. Federation offithe care of the American Red Cross cials declare there is a golden oppor-Commission to Siberia during the past tunity for Government employes to year and is now being transported by advance their interests more during the commission to Brest. France, our the coming year than at any time in warmest greetings. I am sure that the history of the organization. you may say to them that the hearts of all of the people of the United States go out in the tenderest sympathy and that they will always hope their future will be happy enough to make some amends for the

"Cordially and sincerely yours "EDITH BOLLING WILSON, "WOODROW WILSON," The message was to be delivered to the children today at a Junior Red Cross Day at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

### CHEWED HIS WIFE'S EAR;

SHE IS GIVEN DIVORCE BALTIMORE, Sept. 6 .- Mrs. Emma Sherman's chewed ear was one of the principal exhibits in her suit for divorce, which was granted. from Francis G. Sherman.

Sherman was accused by his wife of cruelty. She said whenever he came home with a cargo of liquor aboard he gave vent to his ill-temper on her car, and when he desired entertainment he used the ear as the

#### FIRST WOMEN'S JURY IN OHIO REFUSES TO EVICT

AKRON, Ohio, Sept. 6. State history was made before Judge A. F. is not difficult to see Secretary of the O'Neil when a jury of twelve women Treasury Houston. It is not difficult in an eviction case. decision saved a newly wedded the Supreme Court.

RAIDS AVERT Workers In 10 Italian Cities Demand Soviet

By Chicago Health Head CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—Recurrence of the influenza epidemic next winter is predicted by Health Commis-sioner Robertson in his weekly health report, and all Chicago women who can are urged to enroll in the Training School for Home and

Public Nursing operated by the city

This Winter Predicted

Flu Epidemic's Return

as an emergency measure should the epidemic become serious. Dr. Robertson quotes precedents to show the disease is recurrent at thirty-year intervals and runs its course in four years. He does not expect the coming epidemic to attain serious proportions unless accompanied by bad weather and other unlooked-for contingencies.

Federal Employes Open Convention by Scoring Congressmen and Officials.

By Staff Correspondent.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 6 .- With an at removal of the spikes from the tack against more than a score of the looting of the train after it Congressmen and officials for their opposition to legislation for the betterment of Government employes, the fourth annual convention of the and half dollars was found; twenty National Federation of Federal Em-

Typewriters, comptometers, Washington, D. C., in his opening adaccessories, and other loot dress and annual report, scored legisvalued at \$10,000, alleged to have been lators for antagonism to the organstolen in recent robberies here, also ization and to measures designed to benefit the Federal workers. He at-The five men who are said to have tacked each one of these opponents

> Senator Myers and Congressman Blanton, French, Garner, Garrett, Mansfield, and Rayburn were denounced for leading the fight to deny the Government employe the right to organize and affiliate with the Amercan Federation of Labor.

> Senators Dial, Thomas, Underwood, and Hoke Smith were scored for their filibuster of the Nolan minimum wage bill during the closing days of the ast Congress, which delayed the bill from being enacted into law after passing the House.

> Congressman Wood was flayed for his alleged failure to "keep his word" in connection with the bonus fight. Congressman Mondell also was tacked for his stand on this legisla-

Herbert D. Brown, chief of the American Red Cross and of repeated attack. He was scored for his stand on reclassification and for ment legislation.

Senators Smoot and Pomerene were The convention is the largest ever "Dr. Axson has shown to Mrs. Wil- held by the federation. More than

Sessions will be marked by much

REFERENDUM

Times Vote on D. C. Commissioner Sent to President Today.

The full certified result of The Times referendum on the District Commissionership was today sent to President Wilson for his considera-

There is no certainty that the Commissioner he picks will be the leader or any one in the list of leaders in The Times preferential; but it is certain that The Times preferential will place before him the choice of Times readers out of more than 35,000 ballots.

Apparently all roads led away from Washington yesterday. Wyoming, Connecticut, and southeast Pennsyl-Wyoming, vania avenues, Arlington, George-town, and Chain bridges, the Conduit road, and all other methods of egress were crowded with automobiles and motorcycles laden with every kind of pleasure seeker and every kind of pleasure-seeking equipment.

LIST PRINTED AGAIN. Which indicates that not everybody customarily in Washington and in-terested in The Times referendum for District Commissioner got a copy of The Times yesterday, with the list of the winners. For this reason, the list is given again today.

It represents the first general effort to give the people of Washington chance to manifest their choice for an administrative officer; and as such is worthy of deep consideration. Nearly 40,000 votes were cast in the referendum. Many were obtained by systematic canvassing by friends and interested candidates, while many thousands came in individual envelopes from persons who wished to do their duty conscientiously as they would do it at the polls at a regular

BLISS APPRECIATIVE.

Dr. Lewis Bliss, in a letter of with drawal which reached the Vote Edi

"I would like to take this means of congratulating The Washington Times upon the wonderful opportunity it as given the disenfranchised people of Washington to select, through its referendum, a District of Columbia Commissioner. It is, indeed, a wonderful undertaking, which only the most progressive newspaper would have the foresight to originate.

"I have been astounded by the heavy number of votes cast in my favor and would like to take this opportunity to thank my many friends for their support. Notwithstanding the fact that I have the greatest interest of the District at heart, my practice takes my entire time and effort, therefore it would be impossible for me to serve if 'elected.' If it is possible, I would like to withdraw in favor of any of the nominees whom my friends and supporters may choose to select."

Leaders in The Times Commissioner Referendum are given on page 2.

### Reporters Can't See Dry Chief Any More, Unless They Break In Prohibition Commissioner Kramer | see Kramer on any matter of public

will refuse to "see" Washington importance. That was during the newspaper correspondents in the fu- early tenure of office in Washington. ture, according to the correspondent He is a man of medium height with of the Baltimore Sun.

mation as to the cause for the edict, always willing to serve as best he as not only were the newspaper men excluded from the office, but every effort to reach the commissioner over the telephone was frustrated by the secretary's declaration that the com-

Without doubt this is the first public office in Washington where the newspaper men are not welcomed. It is not difficult to see Secretary of the ordict for the defendant to interview other members of the Cabinet. It is not difficult even to see and discuss matters with a justice of

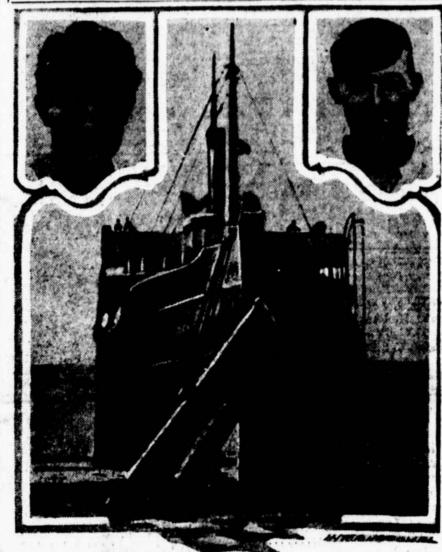
Until recently, it was possible to

a rather suburban air and a very This new and rather novel idea for pleasant disposition. That proves that public officials, he says, was pro- the newspaper man has seen him. He claimed Saturday by the official sec also never seemed to realize that his retary to the prohibition commis- official position had become so imsioner. It was impossible to verify portant during those days, for whenthe announcement by a statement ever it was necessary to discuss a from Kramer or to obtain any informatter, he was very courteous and

> could. Recently, however, the word has gone around the various newspaper offices that it was "becoming impossi ble" to see Kramer. Correspondents discussed how the office had become more forbidding than the office of Secretary Houston. And gradually the office has been forgotten in the shuffle of everyday affairs. For the third time within the last

few weeks, the Sun correspondent found it necessary yesterday to discuss a matter with Kramer. The ex-(Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

THIS remarkable photograph, taken by a passenger on the General Goethals, shows the Alanthus holding up the stern of the sunken U.S. submarine S-5 with cables. The men in the inserts, reading from left to right, are Chief Engineer W. R. Grace and Assistant Engineer R. McWilliams. These two men, equipped only with a hand drill, worked for hours until, after they had bored eighteen holes, a plate came free, and then, one by one, the rescued crew emerged from the death dungeon.



# HARDING TALKS COX URGES END OF U. S. PERILS OF WAR WASTE

Warns Capital and Labor Not U. S. Must Ratify Peace at Once, "Soviet courts" have warned against To Endanger World's He Says in Labor Day "Best Country." Address.

MARION, Ohio, Sept. 6 .- The American economic system, with its equality of opportunity for all, was described by Senator Warren G. Harding today as the best in the world-"the judgment of the ages"—and he and labor not to endanger the system by abuses and strife.

The Reppublican candidate delivered a labor address, his first of the campapign, to several thousand this afternoon. persons at Lincoln Park. His audience was composed mainly of workers and employers.

Senator Harding reminded labor that never have wages been so high as at present, and he declared that the present scale can be maintained only if labor gives a full day's work for a full day's pay. The menace of the present day, he said, is insuf-

Unionism. collective bargaining. and the right of workers to quit their employment, were indorsed by the candidate. He deplored the tendency toward strikes, however, and after declaring that compulsory arbi-tration was not feasible, asserted that "volitional arbitration" is practical and should be followed in the settlement of disputes. To those who came expecting to

(Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 6 .-The peace treaty must be ratified and the waste and extravagance of foreboding serious outbreaks, but ofwar ended without delay if the full ficials here are confident the Italian measure of agricultural production government will be able to deal with sounded a warning to both capital and prosperity is to be realized in the situation. the United States, Gov. James M. deavored to discourage reports that Cox, Democratic Presidential candidate, declared in his Labor Day character, and predicted the situation

> ESSENTIAL TO U. S. GOOD Emphasizing the interdependency of agriculture and labor, "because agri culture is dependent upon labor." Gov-ernor Cox declared "the farmer and the laborer are the producers, form ing the very backbone of our material security.

A healthy condition of both interests the governor asserted, is essential to the prosperity and well-being "While giving thought to increased facilities on farms already pro-

ductive," Governor Cox said, "we must not overlook the necessity for in creased acreage and the opportunity America offers for agricultural extension and home building. Government plan of reclamation, properly worked (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

Is Marriage A Success?

An interesting discussion of this subject by Times readers begins today on the Magazine Page. The introductory article by Howard Chandler Christy, famous artist, is based on his own life. He has had two wives. Read what he says today.

# MACHINE GUNS

Arsenals Seized by Strikers as Russian Idea Sweeps Whole Country.

LONDON, Sept. 6. - Industrial plants and government arsenals in ten great Italian cities have been seized by striking workmen, who demand the formation of Soviets to control the factories, according to a dispatch from Milan to the Daily Express today.

Labor leaders who held a confer ence with representatives of the government at Milan deny that the workers intend to attempt the overthrow of the Italian government through revolution.

MANY CITIES SHAKEN.

following cities: Turin, Venice, Milan, workingmen and women of the na- measures in the event of McSwiney' Genoa. Florence, Naples, Brescia, Ve- tion. Incidentally, today marks the death. rona, Spezia, and Palermo. At Turin machine guns have been cation season. nounted on the roofs of the seized plants. The workers threaten to wreck the machinery in the iron and steel mills if soldiers attempt to evict

Workers who seized the arsenal at Venice have taken over a large number of tanks and armored military, outing at Cabin John Bridge tal.

It is an all-day basket pienic, parinfirmary. She said he was so low
motor cars.

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and life fluttered so feebly in the
licipated in by thousands.

Italian fromworkers took the lead Italian fronworkers took the lead

tories refuse to yield and are demanding-government support. It is impossible to see where the agitations

Italian alarmed over the situation. The government has feared to take any pressive measures, although troops ployes and others took advantage of pressive measures, although troops the half-holiday and left the city for

SOVIET GAINS STRENGTH.

Milan are reported to have given as-surances that they would assist in exfactories. Their battle cry, they de-day. clared, will be "peaceful conquest." Russian methods have been installed in the plants held by the workers. Special courts were established to see that the men kept at work and all pillaging or destruction of property.

While officials of the State Department refused to comment today on the disorders in Italy, it was eviden the news of the outbreaks brought little surprise.

Constant reports have reached th State Department of unrest in Italy

Officials of the Italian embassy en address at the Minnesota State fair shortly will be relieved

# **IN GENEVA**

GENEVA, Sept. 6.—Publication of a new journal, with a policy of open opposition to the League of Nations, will be attempted here in November next, when the first meeting of the league is held here.

The projected publication is spensored by intellectuals of vari-

Treaty of Versailles.

Doubt is expressed, however, that the local authorities will permit the publication to appear.

ous countries who are against the

Barbecue at Cabin John Big Event for D. C. Workers and Their Families.

This is labor's own day and it is taken over by the workmen in the being celebrated in honor of the mation while taking precautionary generally accepted close of the va-

LABOR'S OWN DAY.

In today's celebrations labor naturally holds the center of the stage. Under the auspices of the Central Labor Union workmen of Washington to make a feeble sign with his hand. and their families went to the grand Mrs. McSwiney visited her husband outing at Cabin John Bridge Park. early this morning in Brixton jail

in the great industrial campaign for dreds of pounds of choice beef cuts tect any change. They declare that they will hold out hungry plenickers. On the program

fered. In Washington Labor Day is being celebrated in a diversified way. To strike. hundreds the holiday really began on have been employed to protect prop- several days' stay. Trains leaving Union Station have been crowded to capacity since Saturday. Travel to Labor leaders who met repre- Atlantic City and other shore places, intatives of the Iron workers in was reported exceptionally heavy, While many people are leaving the

city hundreds, however, are coming ing lord mayor of Cork, from Brixton tending the soviet policy to all branch- here. Excursion trains from Wiles of industry. They seek to have mington, Philadelphia, and New York Union Congress. workers' councils established in all and Pennsylvania points are due to-

LIST OF ATTRACTIONS.

ing the crowds today: Ball game (double-beader), American League Park-Washington and

Boston, 2 p. m. Down the river trip to Marshall Hall, Mt. Vernon, or Colonial Beach. Trip to Chesapeake Beach. Automobile trip to Morgantown.

Rock Point, or other river places where there is excellent fishing and Trolley ride to Glen Echo Park. where there are plenty of amuse-

Trolley ride to Cabin John Bridge Park.

### Bathing at the Tidal Basin Beach. Interdepartmental ball games Continued on Page 13. Column 4.) Poland and Lithuania Now at War; Troops

LONDON, Sept. 6.—Poland and Lithuania are at war. Fighting is in grogress between Polish and Lithuanian fluence the government against goarmies on the Polish-Lithuanian frontier, where the Poles likey to take similar measures in opmust be helpful in this. A definite and Russians were recently at deadly grips.

Clash Along Frontier

Gen. Pierre Makhroff, chief of staff + to General Wrangel, has arrived from Poland hopes to conclude peace with Sebastopol to urge upon the Polish Soviet Russia before October 1, said government a prolongation of the a news agency dispatch from Warsaw Russo-Polish peace conference at today. The Polish envoys will insist Riga. General Makhroff held a con- upon the boundaries of the old Polish ference with the Polish chief of staff kingdom for the republic of Poland, and later met the Russian generals, the dispatch added. who are organizing an anti-Bolshevik The telegram quoted Polish officials

It is expected that several Russian Europe disarms. divisions may be sent to the Crimean front to fight the reds this month. General Pilsudski, the Polish commander in chief, has gone to the southern front. Late advices from frontier. that front indicate that General Budenny's Red cavalry army was not annihilated, as reported last week. It was defeated, but since then has been

BERLIN, Sept. 6.—Polish delegates will leave for Riga on Wednesday, and

Russian army to assist General Wran- as saying that Poland "would be Britain has faced in many years."

ready to disarm when the rest Official announcement is made that 44.671 Russians and 2,800 Polish sol

diers fled into Germany during the recent fighting near the East Prussian News was received here that three British members o fthe inter-allied

signed because they were unable to co-operate with the French. The British commissioners were stationed at (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

# FIGHT ON LEAGUE LORD MAYOR TO BE STAGED

Government Puts Ban on Reports of His Condition by Prison Officials.

NEW POLICY SIGNIFICANT

Wife at Brixton Jail Says His "Life Flutters Feebly Today."

LONDON, Sept. 6.—Officials at Brixton jail adopted a significant new policy this afternoon when they re-fused to give out any information about Terence McSwiney, hunger striking Lord Mayor of Cork. "STILL LIVING." An official bulletin was issued at 2

o'clock, showing that McSwiney was still living, but prison officials said they could give no other information until it had been passed upon first by the government. The official bulletin

"McSwiney is much weaker." It was reported that the government plans to hold up further infor-

The following information dates the official announcement: Mc-Swiney appeared this morning to be nearing the death coma. able to whisper a few words, could not move his body. wished his position changed he had A barbecue is the big event. Hun- body that it was impossible to de-

DIZZY SPELLS.

The Rev. Father Dominic, chaplain hungry plenickers. On the price of the prison, said McSwiney had suf-also are baseball games, ahletic con-tests, and games for the women and children, in which prizes will be of-but he retained consciousness. This is the twenty-fifth day of the Cork lord mayor's historic hunger

#### **ENGLISH UNIONS DEMAND** RELEASE OF McSWINEY

resolution demanding the release of Terence McSwiney, hunger-strikjail, was adopted today by the Trades

The McSwiney resolution recited that "the Trades Union Congress, representing 6.500,000 workers, view with horror and indignation the decision If you have not left the city and are to allow the Cork lord mayor to die." undecided where to go, here is a All organized labor, the resolution partial list of places that are attract- continued, would hold the government responsible for McSwiney's death. The resolution added: "Such blind stupidity will render a reconciliation etween Ireland and England almost

impossible "Down with tools," shouted the delegates amidst tremendous cheerng as the resolution was read.

INSANE POLICY. "We have done everything to pre-

ent this insane policy toward Mcwiney." said J. H. Thomas, head of the National Union of Railway Work-Thomas read from a statement by A. Bonar Law justifying the government's policy towards McSwiney on the ground that the Cork mayor. vas a rebel. "Bonar Law, more than any one

else, has justified Ulster province's spirit of rebellion," declared Thomas. Thomas, in an address opening the ongress, pleaded for an interpretation of the Versailles treaty different from the spirit in which it was TREATIES SEEDS OF WAR.

"History shows that the seeds of var are sown in peace treaties," declared Thomas. "No matter whe gains, the workers lose. Where the League of Nations has failed the united workers have been successful n preventing war. This justifies the rmation of the council of action." Thomas intimated that the council f action which was created to in-

posing a British war against the Arabs in Mesopotamia. The Arabs, Thomas declared, do not believe the bona fide promises of the British government. The labor leader demanded from the government a bold and clear recogniion of dominion rule for Ireland. Thomas told the delegates that there is every evidence that the com-

### BRITISH SPREAD NET

ing winter will be the hardest Great

DUBLIN, Sept. 6 .- The Sinn Fein intelligence bureau announced today t is in receipt of information that commission in Upper Silesia have rethe British government plans a great round-up of Sinn Fein leaders. Warrants are reported to have been drawn up for many sinn Fein chief-(Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)